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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR PROTEST ON WMO

REF: A) USUN 5219; B) STATE 219626

1. GDR NOTE PROTESTING APPLICABILITY OF WMO CONVENTION TO WEST BERLIN, COMING HARD ON HELLS OF SIMILAR GDR PROTEST ON IMCO, SUGGESTS GDR FOLLOWING PATTERN PROTESTING FRG COMPETENCE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF WEST BERLIN IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE BELIEVE THIS ASSERTION HAS TO BE REBUTTED, AS ALLIES ARE ABOUT TO DO IN IMCO. WE ALSO CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO TAKE STEPS TO ATTEMPT INHIBIT EFFECTS OF SUCH CAMPAIGN.

2. IT APPEARS THAT GDR, WHICH IS GOING THROUGH TEETHING PROCESS OF MEMBERSHIP IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES
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TO KICK UP BERLIN DUST. A QUICK GLANCE THROUGH

U.S. TREATIES IN FORCE FOR 1973 SUGGESTS FOLLOWING
PARTIAL LIST OF IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS AND
CONVENTIONS IN WHICH FRG HAS LONG ACTED FOR WEST
BERLIN AND TO WHICH GDR MAY IN ITS PRESENT MOOD
BE EXPECTED TO TAKE EXCEPTION: FAO, IAEA, UNESCO,
ICNAF, WHO, WIPO, ILO, UN NARCOTICS CONVENTIONS,
VIENNA CONVENTIONS ON DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR
RELATIONS.

3. WE ARE OF VIEW THAT GDR ASSERTIONS MUST BE REJECTED
IF BERLIN ARRANGEMENTS NOT TO BE ERODED. WE RECOGNIZE
HOWEVER THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH MAY FREQUENTLY FEEL
RELUCTANT, AS THEY INITIALLY DID ON IMCO, TO POLITICIZE
A TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION WITH POLITICAL STATEMENTS
MOREOVER, REPEATED EXCHANGES ON WEST BERLIN MAY BUILD
UP IMPRESSION AMONG STATES NOT ENTIRELY FAMILAR WITH
BERLIN SITUATION THAT THERE IS INDEED SOMETHING FISHY
ABOUT FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN'S INTERESTS
IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS; THAT GDR HAS SPECIAL STANDING
TO COMMENT ON QA; AND THAT SOVIETS, THROUGH QA, HAVE
EQUAL STANDING ON WEST BERLIN AFFAIRS WITH ALLIES.

4. WE BELIEVE AND EFFORT MUST BE
MADE TO CONVINCE GDR (AS WELL AS SOVIETS)
THAT CONTINUANCE PRESENT GDR COURSE UNPROFITABLE.
WE THEREFORE HOPE BONN GROUP CAN IN FIRST
INSTANCE AGREE RESPONSE TO GDR'S WMO NOTE THAT
WOULD FOLLOW LINES OF IMCO RESPONSE BUT INCLUDE
SPECIFIC POINT THAT GDR IS NOT COMPETENT TO
INTERRET QA AND CAN NOT INTERVENE IN MATTERS
CONCERNING WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN (REF B).
AS SECOND STEP, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY AND
DEPARTMENT CONSIDER APPROACH TO SOVIETS IN BERLIN
(PERHAPS BY ONE OF ALLIED AMBASSADORS PRIVATELY WITH
YEFREMOV OR AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL BY
BERLIN MISSION). KLEIN

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